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From: April Cartwright
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:59 AM
Subject: stop deregulation

I urge you to use your voice to stop FCC attempts to further relax regulations of media ownership. The media has failed to represent the voices and concerns of American citizens, and there is no question of the role of corporate control in this trend. Already, the media is owned by a small handful of large corporations, who simultaneously use their money and power to serve political interests. Meanwhile, the number of citizens who are voting is constantly declining. This is no coincidence. The American people do not feel that they are receiving the information they need to make responsible decisions at the poles and the media is directly responsible. The individuals and organizations who are allowing this to happen must respond to the call of the people and not that of the corporations who are controlling what we are exposed to. Please stop this downward spiral.

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From: gshea@familyenhancement.org
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:00 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Gale Shea
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cc:
Senator Herb Kohl
Senator Russell Feingold
Representative Tammy Baldwin

From: Scott Free
To: Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:22 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Chairman Michael Powell, 202-418-1000
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin:
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear Commissioner:

Having a democratic society critically depends on inclusion of a broad spectrum of voices. The current Corporate Dominated media environment not only fails in supporting a broad spectrum of voices, it also falls way short of a "free market".

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

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From: tad22@dana.ucc.nau.edu
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:39 PM
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Sincerely,

Teri Dillion
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cc:
Senator John McCain
Senator Jon Kyl
Representative Rick Renzi

From: Shilah Gould
To: Kathleen Abernathy, mark.effron@msnbc.com
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:41 PM
Subject: FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Gentlefolk,

I am writing to request that you oppose any more consolidation of the media via "deregulation". It is very clear to the people of this country that we are seeing, hearing and reading only one side of the most important issues our nation faces.

A true democracy allows dissenting opinions to be expressed and ideas to be debated in a public setting. It is very sad to me that this rarely occurs in the mainstream media of our country. Today it appears that the media is nothing more than a PR firm for the White House and its agenda.

Further, for you involved in the media business, TRUTH SELLS. I would be glued to my television if there was any truth being reported. As it is, I believe that if it's on tv, it probably is not true, or at best, that it is a very skewed version of the truth. A sad state of affairs.

Please oppose further conglomeration of the media, and consider the inherent value in the voicing of a multitude of voices and opinions.

Sincerely,

Shilah Gould

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From: Tom Fray
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:49 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC Vote on Media Deregulation

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As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Oppose media deregulation.

Tom Fray
Los Angeles, CA

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From: maarmijoA@cabrillo.edu
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:55 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Sam Farr

From: Don Champine
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:02 PM
Subject: FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Chairman Powell,

Re: FCC vote on media deregulation.

I oppose the FCC's effort towards the further consolidation of media ownership.

The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information and alternative perspectives about most crucial issues, partially based on their own conflicts of interests.

As an American citizen concerned about the vitality of democracy, I ask you to oppose the proposed FCC rule change that would allow any further consolidation of media ownership.

Please, instead, reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose consolidation.

Respectfully,

Don Champine

From: Charles Wilkerson
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:20 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. It is a disgrace to see what has happened and will worsen unless some form of regulation isn't re-instituted.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Wilkerson

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From: Randy Ziglar
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:06 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

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Sincerely,

Randy Ziglar
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From: Jim Chase
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:21 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote - Oppose Proposed "Deregulation"

Dear Senators and Commissioners:

Restore Fairness - Oppose Deregulation.

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

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CC: senator@boxer.senate.gov, senator@feinstein.senate.gov, Kathleen Abernathy,
Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, sf.nancy@mail.house.gov

From: harmonyreppond@hotmail.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:32 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Sam Farr

From: Greg Maloney
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:35 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

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Greg Maloney

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From: Dean Whitlock
To: FCC FCCINFO
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:46 PM
Subject: Keep the limits!

Dear Mr. Powell,

About 100 years ago, this country passed a series of what were, at the time, ground-breaking laws that limited the power of corporations and monopolies. Those laws were not without reason. In a democracy, those reasons apply ten-fold to the news media. Implicit in the tenets of free speech is the right to free and unbiased knowledge. How else can the public make wise decisions about policies and leaders? Please do not reduce the current limits on media ownership. Our democracy depends on them.

Thank you,
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CC: Mike Powell

From: karen kirschling
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:07 PM
Subject: No media deregulation

Dear Commissioner :

Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

Under "deregulation" rules proposed by the Federal Communications Commission, the already dangerous monopoly of TV and radio (and therefore of news and public dialogue) would dramatically worsen. Local TV and radio stations would be swallowed by larger companies.

These few largest companies - Fox, General Electric, Clear Channel - have shown no interest in the public good, only in protecting their bottom lines while putting out news that is more deceiving than informing. The media giants have spent huge amounts to buy support in Congress and have cleansed their news of any critical reporting on the Bush administration. And in a few years, if deregulated, they could potentially have an iron grip on the way the majority of the public gets its information.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Sincerely,
Karen Kirschling
San Francisco, CA

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From: Bill Sharfman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:22 PM
Subject: FCC relaxing media ownership rules is wrong

I believe any sensible American who believes in the importance of a free and varied press as a key to democracy and informed democratic function is opposed to any concentration of media power. In that connection, it appears that the FCC wishes to relax regulations safeguarding this variety and diversity of media ownership, guaranteeing protection against concentration of power and reduction in varied editorial viewpoints.

Please do not let this relaxation of ownership rules nor concentration of power in media ownership proceed, it is a very very wrong direction for America.

Thank you.

William L. Sharfman, Ph.D.
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CC: Voice4Change

From: Anahid Kassabian
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, ernest_hollings@hollings.senate.gov, barbara_boxer@boxer.senate.gov
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:33 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Senators McCain, Boxer, and Hollings:

As a media scholar and a citizen, I am **extremely** concerned about the proposals to further deregulate media ownership. I write today to urge you to communicate the dangers of the proposals to Chairman Powell and his fellow commissioners.

Scholarship has shown unequivocally that media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. For the now classic work in this field, see Ben Bagdikian's **The Media Monopoly**. (Bagdikian is a renowned scholar and the former Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at UC Berkeley.)

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to oppose the further erosions of our public right to know in the name of free trade. Rather than following the folly-strewn path of deregulation, I urge you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Sincerely,
Anahid Kassabian, Ph.D.
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CC: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy

From: Ed Taylor
To: Edward Taylor
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:37 PM
Subject: FCC vote

Dear Commissioner,

It is absolutely essential that you keep and strengthen the current media ownership rules. Freedom of speech and democracy are already at risk in the growing media conglomerates.

As a concerned citizen I ask you to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation..

Thank you,

Joan Burds

From: Jane Gross
To: COMDAILY
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:39 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

RE: Subscription List

I hope this is not going to the entire FCC. I apologize if it does.

I have been migrated. At first I still received Com Daily. Last week it stopped coming. The HelpDesk has checked all my e-mail settings and they are correct.

Please make sure I am on the subscription list. Jane.Gross@fcc.gov

Thank you.

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From: Elaine Jordan
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:43 PM
Subject: Minimizing public access

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

I am a private citizen who enjoys evenings of television when I can, and have been alarmed about the lack of new programming and the swing of your commission to allow communications conglomerates to have their way on the airways. I firmly believe that regulation would be in my interest, insuring the open and free opportunities of all who want to produce programs. New ideas will flourish if you see to it that the industry is properly held in check. Otherwise, you are allowing not a free market to prevail, but a small group to keep control. I know of no better way to stop creativity than for the FCC to abdicate real regulating responsibility. Yes, I did hear Barry Diller speak, and perhaps that have moved me to write this note. He reminded me that we are in danger of limiting earnest efforts to be a part of an exciting industry. I want to have available more than cheap television symbolized by the reality shows. thanks! Elaine Jordan

From: DOUGLAS BARNES
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:43 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Media Ownership Changes

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am deeply distressed about your plans to further relax FCC rules that will allow further consolidation of media ownership. Americans have already suffered significant narrowing of the views presented in all media outlets as local ownership has been replaced by corporate control, and there are already countless minority and alternative voices who are not being heard. Clearly, more TV channels and more print media do not mean more diversity of views when they are controlled by a handful of owners.

As a citizen in my late 60s, I am shocked and dismayed to see how the U.S. media in recent decades has evolved to become a unilateral voice for corporations and no longer represents the cause of labor or of the common people. Although our Constitution recognizes that free expression is at the very root of democracy, it has become the exclusive right of those who can most afford to buy it.

I would like to remind you that the FCC was established to PROTECT the public interest, not to manipulate it or throttle its voice. The FCC should be the guardian of the media resource and has instead become its pimp. Through the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the American people have already been sold out to an alarming degree; we have seen not more choices, but fewer; the competition and the savings that were assured us have not occurred.

Mr. Powell, we are at a critical junction in our nation's history and you play a decisive role in determining our path. If you allow even greater concentration of media ownership at this time, I believe you can claim the dubious honor of dealing our democracy its final death blow. I urge your serious reconsideration of this issue.

Yours truly,

Jeanne Thomason
Half Moon Bay, California

From: Warren Criswell
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:47 PM
Subject: media deregulation

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. It's bad enough as it is. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. Their already severe loss of credibility will only get worse if the FCC's plan to let them to merge is allowed to go through.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Please oppose media deregulation.

Sincerely,

Warren Criswell

From: John Risseuw
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein, john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, info@kyl.senate.gov, jdhayworth@mail.house.gov
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:50 PM
Subject: Public Comments on FCC Docket No. 02-277

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the
Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to
Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed
Rulemaking, MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary and FCC Commissioners:

Regarding public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the
FCC's broadcast media ownership rules: To promote competition, diversity
and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules
and impose stricter public interest requirements.

I believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC may be flawed and
incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast
facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information
available to citizens to act in the public interest will result.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules
in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all
parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from
the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of
these decisions.

Thank you,

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From: Michael Hampton
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 3:00 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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April 28, 2003

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Powell:

The FCC must NOT further weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The FCC is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal of or further modification to these rules will likely open the door to more mergers that will continue to reduce competition and diversity in the media. If the rules are weakened further, one company in a city could control the most popular newspaper, TV station and possibly the cable system, giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of news and information. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in this country. Media ownership would be concentrated by corporate monopolies even further, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with diverse viewpoints would be compromised.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hilton